[उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री जगेश देसाई) पीठासीन हुए]

मेरा अनुरोध है कि ऐसी जो भी कम्पनियां हैं जो 80 से 100 परसेंट बाजार को कंट्रोल करती है और दवाओं की कीमतें बढ़ाती है उन पर कंट्रोल किया जाये ताकि दवाओं की कीमतें कम की जा सकें। पूर्णतः इस बात से सहमत हूं कि दवाओं के मामले में कीमत कम करने की ओर सरकार को कदम उठाना चाहिये और ऐसा कदम उठाना चाहिये जिससे लोगों को राहत पहुंच सके।

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal) : Sir, although I have not given my name, I associate myself with what you have said. The problem really is that we have to attack the multi-nationals whereas the Government is allowing them a feast. There have been inroads not only in drugs but in many other commodities. Therefore, all those who make such a mention should support us and oppose the policy of the Government. That is what I want to say.

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Ransacking of Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta, on the Bharat Bandh Day

SHRI V. NARYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I rise to invite the attention of this august House to the incident that took place in Calcutta. The Calcutta Doordarshan Kendra was attacked and the hon. Minister for Commerce was also waylaid and his car was attacked by CPI (M) persons. (*Interruptions*). Kindly bear with me. Why are you agitated ?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): We will also support.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: On the eve of the Bandh, on 14th, a demonstration was led by a CPI(M) group, that is DYFY. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI) : Mr. Dipen, you are a senior member.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : It is a youth wing of the CPI(M). They are known for their unruly behaviour, for protest against the alleged partisan attitude of the Doordarshan. (*Interruptions*). I am giving the facts. They demonstrated and the demonstration was led by one hon. MLA, his name is Gautam Dev, and the DYFY secretary, Robin Deb. The seven-member delegation met the Director there. At that time a section of demonstrators, who are known for their roddyism and goondaism entered inside the Doordarshan office and ransacked the entire reception office. They caused damage to the building ground floor and the sign-board was also damaged. This happened at a place where there is CPI(M) rule. There is no protection for the Central Government institutions in West Bengal. Therefore, I would urge upon the hon. Minister to look into this. Also the hon. Minister for Commerce, after attending a meeting in Howrah district, when he was proceeding to Calcutta in his car, the CPI(M) supporters stopped his car.

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala) : Is he talking about Doordarshan Kendra or on all things ? He is bringing in all these things.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I have been allowed to speak on these things. The hon. Minister was physically lifted and when the security men came to his rescue he was brutally assaulted with iron rods and lathis.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Is he alive ? Is the Minister alive ?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: This is the protection for the Central Ministers. If that is the position what would be the fate of a common man who lives in West Bengal ?

So, Sir, I want a judicial enquiry in both the incidents and the Jyoti Basu Ministry in West Bengal should resign immediately.

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Beating of Women on the Bharat Bandh Day

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : (West Bengal): Sir, I want to draw your

[Shrimati Kanak Mukherjee]

kind attention to a matter of public importance. Yesterday, the 15th March, on the day of Bharat Bandh your Government, the Governmet of India enjoyed undeclared emergency powers and unleashed repression ruthlessly on the people all over India. About 2 lakh people were arrested yesterday and at least 10 people were killed. The arrested included ex-Chief Ministers like Nripen Chakravarty of Tripura and Nandini Satpathy of Orissa. I want your special attention to be drawn to the brutal attack on the women workers at various places in Delhi.

In Connaught Place near the Plaza cinema, about 100 women workers were arrested. Women leaders like Ms. Brinda Karat Secretary, Janawadi Mahila Samiti, were beaten up. The arrested women were taken to the police station by male police. There was no female police. They were beaten there. Ms. Brinda's arm got fractured at two places. I myself went and saw her. The women who were beaten and got wounded included the wife of an hon. Member of this House, Mrs. Beitty Baby, wife of Mr. M. A. Baby who is sitting here, Mrs. Ruksana Chowdhary, wife of Lok Sabha M. P., Mr. Saifuddin Chowdhary and Mrs. Maimuna Mallah, wife of Hunnan Mallah, M.P. I went to see them. They were severely beaten and their legs have been fractured. So that is the condition. Sir, here is a picture published in the Indian Express today. This shows how the women workers were beaten by the police. This picture reminds me of Dandi March. You are observing Dandi March. What the Britishers did to Indian satyagrahis led by Mahatma Gandhi during the Dandi March, you are doing the same thing today on the peaceful workers here.

Sir, it is the fundamental right of the people to strike for their legitimate demands. By this type of ruthless repression, you have attacked the fundamental right of the people to strike to focus attention on their genuine demands. This time their most important demand was resignation of Rajiv Gandhi Government for its total failure on all fronts. You have shown scant respect for the modesty and honour of women here.

Sir, I urge upon the Government to hold a proper enquiry into this matter. The Home Minister must come out with a statement in Parliament and the Government should take proper steps to punish severely the culprits who manhandled and behaved brutally with these women workers. Sir, I draw your kind attention to this and hope the entire House will support my demand. I hope, Sir, you will convey the feelings of the House to the Government and ask the Home Minister to come forward with a statement in Parliament.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Sir, I am associating myself with the lady Member. She has raised a very vital point. When women are offering satyagraha, the women police should have been there. To that extent, I really support her. It is for the Home Minister to bring out why women police were not posted when a Morcha was going to be called. It is the duty of the Government that women police should handle women satyagrahis. This is totally wrong.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Will you support lathi charge by women police?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Sir, if one is required to appreciate the real meaning of the words "going berserk", one should see certain photographs appearing in today's newspapers. Sir, seeing is believing and the camera does not lie, though the Home Minister may. Yesterday when I raised this issue, the Home Minister said that he refutes the allegation. I wanted to know what allegation he was going to refute Thereafter he said that he would come out with a detailed statement.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Information.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, here is the proof that the

Home Minister has misled the House yesterday by saying that we were making allegations, baseless allegations. This is the lathi wielding police trying to beat the women agitators, and this is another photograph in the "TIMES OF INDIA".

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): If he is raising an allegation against the Home Minister, let him raise it in a proper way, not while associating.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You know, I have been allowed by the Chairman to make a mention here. Yesterday your Minister made a statement when I protested against him.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I am not objecting to that. I only wanted a clarification from the Chair whether you are associating with the special mention.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Here is the proof that the Home Minister was misleading the House yesterday. That is why I say that the camera lense does not lie, the Home Minister may.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): He did not say that. The information was not with him. That is what he said.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Kulkarni has correctly stated on the floor of this House. Once there was another charge, complaint from this side that in Delhi itself women agitators were beaten by the male police. There was much protest here. At that time on the floor of this House the Union Home Minister replied that in future it would not happen, what Mr. Kulkarni had pointed out.

Yesterday I have visited those places. I have seen it with my own eyes that those women agitators were taken into police custody and were beaten in the police custody by the male policemen. Even the newspapers have reported that fact (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Vice-Chairman, one newspaper has reported that when they were taken to the police van they were not seen hurt. But after the police custody, when they were released on bail, they had sustained multiple fractures on their arms or legs or toes. And the policemen have the check to report that Mrs. Brinda Karat, the woman leader who has sustained multiple fractures on her right arm, had got multiple fractures by a fall. This has also gone on record in the newspapers.

It would remind me this. Today he is Chairman and Vice-President of our country. Once he was saying how police had prepared frivolous charges, that once the police had charged him, that he had been taken into custody and that the police had denied taking him into custody and said that he had broken, open the door of the jail and had gone inside on his own.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Please conclude now.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: If that is the case, my point is simply not associating with her special mention. It is a serious charge against the Delhi police.

We wanted to draw the attention of the Home Minister to it yesterday itself when we got the information over the telephone. At that time the Home Minister made a commitment here on the floor of this House that he would collect the information and give a detailed statement. This is the information. These are the pictures. So, let the Home Minister come. The Minister of State for Home Affairs is here. Today in the morning when I contacted the Chairman, I was assured that the Home Minister would be contacted and that we would be told when the Home Minister would come and make a statement. So, that is my point that first of all let it be made known when the Home Minister would come here and make the statement which he promised yesterday.

Second, what actions are the Government going to take against the offending policemen who had beaten these women agitators in the police custody.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: One minute, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Your name will be associated. Nobody will speak.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: There should be a full-fledged judicial enquiry into this incident.

Thank you, Sir.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA (Andhra Pradesh): Sir,. . .

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Sir, . . .

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sir,. . .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): I will not allow you to speak. Mr. Radhakrishna associates Mr. Balaram associates and Mr. Gopalsamy associates. That is all. No.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: (*Interruptions*)**

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Nothing will go on record. Your name has been associated. Mr. Balaram, your name has been associated.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: (*Interruptions*)**

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Nothing will go on record. Shri Subas Mohanty.

Need to print the rare manuscripts preserved in Orissa Museum

SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY (Orissa): I am grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to make a special mention here regarding the necessity of preserving the most valuable palm leaf manuscripts of historical importance. The State Museum, Bhubaneswar, has a collection of more than 60,000 palm-leaf manuscripts on 27 different subjects, which is one of the largest collections in the country. The collection is of considerable antiquity and many of these manuscripts date back to 16th century. Of the various types of palm leaf manuscripts, available in the museum, the illustrated manuscripts nearly 360 in number, constitute a very valuable collection. These illustrated manuscripts are not only rare, but also notable for their colour combination, artistic workmanship and fineness of needle work. It is, therefore, important that these manuscripts should be carefully preserved, edited and published. While steps have been taken for their proper preservation by the State Government, owing to cost involved, it has not been possible so far to edit and publish any of these manuscripts except two. It has not been possible for the State Government to finance for publication of other manuscripts for which there is considerable demand from scholars from India and abroad. Therefore, I draw the kind attention of the Government of India to consider sanctioning a recurring grant every year to enable the State Museum to take up publication work of these manuscripts gradually on phased basis.

Need to provide nutritions food to people in Western Rajasthan affected by recurring drought

श्री भंवर लाल पंवार (राजस्थान) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, विशेष सार्वजनिक महत्व के इस मद्दे पर आपके माध्यम से भारत सरकार के एवं स्वास्थ्य, कृषि, सार्वजनिक वितरण एवं गृह मंत्रालय का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहूंगा कि राजस्थान में लगातार विगत लगभग 5 वर्षों से अकाल पड़ने के कारण एवं संपूर्ण भारत में इस वर्ष शताब्दी का भीषणतम महाअकाल के फलस्वरूप राजस्थान के सभी 27 जिले अकाल से प्रभावित हैं जिनमें पश्चिमी राजस्थान के जोधपुर, पाली, जालोर, नागौर, बाड़मेर एवं जैसलमेर के जिले इतने अत्यधिक प्रभावित हैं कि बाड़मेर जिले की शिव एवं चोहटन तहसीलों में तो पशु एवं मानवमात्र काल के कगार पर खड़ा है। इन तहसीलों के व्यक्तियों को नाईट ब्लाइंडनेस (रातिन्दा) हो चुका है। मनुष्यों एवं पशुओं के लिये पश्चिमी राजस्थान के क्षेत्रों में आहार की अत्यधिक कमी है।

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